

**Town of Tremont, Maine**  
**Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (TSWRC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Tremont Community Building**  
**Monday, September 22, 2003**

1. **PRESENT:** Selectman Scott Harper, Chairman John Buckwalter, George Urbanneck, Frank Gray, and Elliott Spiker.
2. **VISITORS:** None.
3. **CALL TO ORDER:** Monday, September 22, 2003 at 5:50 p.m.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Buckwalter, Urbanneck moved to approve minutes from the August 25, 2003 meeting; approved 5-0.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. **Solid Waste and Recycling Education:** The committee discussed the need for education in the schools about recycling. The message needs to be that recycling not only reduces the use of limited natural resources, but can also significantly reduce taxes as a result of the reduction in municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal or “tipping” fees. Tremont sends its MSW via EMR to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) in Orrington, Maine.
  - b. **Future Site for the Acadia Disposal District transfer station:** The committee discussed the EMR transfer station in Southwest Harbor and the pros and cons of using EMR as the future ADD transfer station. The ADD Board and this committee will tour the EMR facility on September 26.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Cardboard Recycling:** The committee discussed the need for more cardboard recycling. It is costly and unnecessary to include cardboard in the MSW. It is not known exactly how much cardboard is included in Tremont’s MSW, but this may be estimated by comparison with other towns which require cardboard recycling and keep data on the amounts. Many communities require that all cardboard be recycled. Lee Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management) has helped other towns develop cardboard recycling programs and he has provided this committee with a sample cardboard ordinance for our consideration. We are also obtaining information about cardboard recycling programs in Bar Harbor and elsewhere.
  - b. **Pay-As-You-Throw:** Both the EPA and the State of Maine strongly endorse Pay-As-You-Throw programs as a way of increasing recycling and reducing MSW and the resulting disposal (tipping) charges. The EPA and Maine cite many success stories from around the country and Maine. Typically, fees are charged per bag for trash, while recycled stuff is accepted free of charge. In the coming months, this committee will carefully consider the pros and cons for Tremont of such a program. Buckwalter will contact the Maine State Planning Office to see if they can be of assistance in this regard.
7. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 27, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Elliott Spiker, Secretary (207/244-0910)